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## BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

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August 6, 2004

Re: Environmental Assessment for the  
Scotty Lake Coalbed Natural Gas  
Pilot Project

Dear Reader:

This is to inform you of the availability of the Scotty Lake Coalbed Natural Gas Pilot Project Environmental Assessment (EA) at the Wyoming Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) website:

[www.wy.blm.gov/rfo/nepa.htm](http://www.wy.blm.gov/rfo/nepa.htm)

The Scotty Lake pilot project is an exploratory coalbed natural gas (CBNG) project located in Sweetwater County, Wyoming, approximately 45 miles northwest of Wamsutter, Wyoming. The project is within the existing Scotty Lake CBNG Exploratory Unit and lies primarily within the jurisdictional boundaries of the Rawlins Field Office with a small portion lying within the Lander Field Office boundaries. In order to satisfy the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act, this EA was prepared to analyze impacts associated with the exploratory drilling of coal formations in the project area.

It is expected that this EA can be viewed at our website beginning August 6, 2004. This will begin the 30-day public review/comment period for the document. We will review all comments and will address substantive comments in the Decision Record. A substantive comment is one that would alter conclusions drawn from the analysis based on: 1) new information, 2) why or how the analysis is flawed, 3) evidence of flawed assumptions, 4) evidence of error in data presented, and 5) requests for clarification that bear on conclusions presented in the analysis.

Your comments should be as specific as possible. Comments on the alternatives presented and on the adequacy of the impact analysis will be accepted by the BLM until September 7, 2004.

Comments may be submitted via regular mail to:

John Ahlbrandt, Project Manager  
Bureau of Land Management  
Rawlins Field Office  
P.O. Box 2407  
Rawlins, Wyoming 82301

or may be submitted electronically at the address shown below (please refer to the Scotty Lake Pilot Project):

e-mail: rawlins\_wymail@blm.gov

Please note that comments, including names, e-mail addresses, and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review and disclosure at the above address during regular business hours (7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.), Monday through Friday, except holidays. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name, e-mail address, or street address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this plainly at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

The EA may also be reviewed at the following locations:

Bureau of Land Management  
Wyoming State Office  
5353 Yellowstone Road  
Cheyenne, Wyoming 82009

Bureau of Land Management  
Rawlins Field Office  
1300 N. Third Street  
Rawlins, Wyoming 82301

If you require additional information regarding this project, please contact John Ahlbrandt, Project Manager, at the Rawlins address or phone (307) 328-4223.

Sincerely,

  
AHLBRANDT  
Field Manager